



Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 18, 2014**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 23 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 14 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 23 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 46.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hammond to 65.8 degrees Fahrenheit at Grand Isle. High temperatures ranged from 72.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Hammond to 83.2 degrees Fahrenheit at Jonesville. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with Leesville receiving the highest amount of rainfall at 6.13 inches.

Crop progress for week ending May 18, 2014

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, emerged	100	96	100	100
Cotton, planted	82	77	64	83
Cotton, emerged	67	57	42	55
Hay, harvested	51	39	34	52
Rice, planted	98	97	97	97
Rice, emerged	93	90	90	93
Sorghum, planted	99	98	92	96
Sorghum, emerged	85	82	75	82
Soybeans, planted	87	78	61	72
Soybeans, emerged	70	50	38	57
Sweet Potatoes, planted	8	4	9	11
Winter Wheat, headed	97	96	100	100
Winter Wheat, coloring	78	51	67	92

Crop condition for week ending May 18, 2014

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	4	35	57	4
Cotton	0	3	52	38	7
Livestock	1	8	36	49	6
Pasture	1	12	39	45	3
Rice	0	4	21	63	12
Sorghum	0	1	46	51	2
Soybeans	0	3	36	44	17
Sugarcane	6	14	41	29	10
Vegetables	1	8	36	49	6
Winter Wheat	0	3	45	49	3

Comments

“Rain last week was timed almost perfect for corn and rice, but has delay some black land soybeans planting. Most corn was fertilized before rain and that corn is beginning to look good.”

– Bruce Garner, West Carroll

“Very wet conditions kept growers out of the field during the past week.”

–Mariah Bock, Saint John The Baptist

“Southwest LA continues to be in a drought, very little rain last week. Very little soil moisture present to plant soybeans. Rice farmers continue to flush fields. Pastures are dry and need moisture to fertilize hay.”

–James ‘Jimmy’ Meaux, Calcasieu

“Heavy rains over last weekend in some parts of the parish deposited over 5 inches of rain. Prior to this rain, some fields were getting very dry and this moisture soaked in quickly. Within a few days of this downpour, many growers were back working in their better drained fields. Cane growers are starting to lay-by some fields. Most soybeans are up and are making good progress. The crawfish catch continues to be strong. Stone fruits have a heavy crop that is making its way toward maturity.”

– Stuart Gauthier, Saint Martin

“Rain late last week and early this week has summer pasture and sugarcane growing finally. It has also allowed for soybeans planting to start back up. Some of the earlier rice is approaching green ring but the crop is later than normal. Warmer, sunnier weather has helped. Calves are looking good and breeding season is well underway.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion

Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending May 18, 2014										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	76.4	55.1	65.8	71.6	-5.8	4.23	4	3.21	8.98	4.39
Mooringsport	76.7	57.2	66.9	72.3	-5.3	2.08	4	1.32	6.15	2.87
Red River	76.2	57.6	66.9	73.3	-6.1	2.33	5	1.57	4.21	0.15
Shreveport	77.6	54.7	66.1	72.3	-6.1	2.60	4	1.50	4.79	-0.07
Extreme/Average	76.7	56.2	66.4	72.4	-5.9	2.81	5	1.90	6.03	1.83
North Central										
Calhoun	78.0	55.1	66.6	70.9	-4.3	1.79	5	0.54	7.45	2.80
Farmerville	76.4	56.0	66.2	71.9	-5.7	1.21	4	-0.14	3.51	-1.42
Homer	75.5	54.2	64.8	70.0	-5.0	1.45	4	0.68	3.32	2.04
Extreme/Average	76.6	55.1	65.9	70.9	-5.0	1.48	5	0.36	4.76	1.14
Northeast										
Lake Providence	77.6	58.9	68.2	72.6	-4.4	0.93	3	0.08	5.65	3.71
St Joseph	79.2	57.6	68.4	74.2	-5.5	3.50	3	2.76	5.56	2.21
Tallulah	80.3	58.4	69.4	72.8	-3.5	0.50	4	-0.68	4.16	-0.21
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	73.6	NA	NA	2	NA	NA	-0.87
Extreme/Average	79.0	58.3	68.7	73.3	-4.5	1.64	4	0.72	3.84	1.21
West Central										
Ashland	77.9	54.6	66.2	71.7	-5.4	2.60	4	1.49	6.47	2.12
Hodges Gardens	76.4	56.8	66.6	73.5	-6.6	2.37	4	1.64	2.80	-1.10
Leesville	79.3	56.4	67.9	72.9	-5.0	6.13	4	5.07	6.55	2.73
Natchitoches	77.1	57.7	67.4	74.5	-7.1	2.55	5	1.61	4.84	0.85
Extreme/Average	77.7	56.4	67.0	73.1	-6.0	3.41	5	2.45	5.17	1.15
Central										
Alexandria	79.6	59.0	69.3	74.4	-5.1	1.57	3	0.53	1.76	-1.88
Bunkie	79.0	59.2	69.1	74.5	-5.5	0.70	2	-0.34	2.40	-2.14
Eunice	82.2	62.5	72.3	76.2	-3.9	1.50	2	0.29	2.06	-2.38
Jonesville Locks	83.2	61.8	72.5	74.1	-1.5	1.41	4	0.57	2.51	-1.18
New Roads	NA	NA	NA	74.8	NA	1.05	2	0.43	4.18	0.42
Extreme/Average	81.0	60.6	70.8	74.8	-4.0	1.25	4	0.30	2.58	-1.43
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.10	NA	0.46	7.41	3.37
Hammond	72.0	46.0	59.0	73.8	-15.1	0.00	2	-0.14	5.41	2.37
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.38	2	NA	5.29	NA
Slidell	79.9	61.7	70.8	NA	NA	0.44	4	NA	5.69	NA
Extreme/Average	76.0	53.9	64.9	73.8	-15.1	0.48	4	0.16	5.95	2.87
Southwest										
Crowley	78.4	62.4	70.4	75.5	-4.9	0.26	3	-0.53	0.89	-3.15
DeRidder	78.0	58.1	68.1	74.2	-6.1	2.78	4	1.68	3.08	-1.23
Jennings	78.7	61.3	70.0	75.1	-5.1	0.69	3	-0.37	1.54	-2.34
Oberlin Fire	81.5	62.0	71.8	74.3	-2.6	1.60	3	0.41	1.66	-2.86
Extreme/Average	79.2	61.0	70.1	74.8	-4.7	1.33	4	0.30	1.79	-2.40
South Central										
Donaldsonville	80.3	59.7	70.0	74.8	-4.8	0.91	0	-0.05	6.03	2.22
Jeanerette	80.0	61.4	70.7	75.3	-4.4	0.00	1	-0.66	1.11	-2.34
Lafayette	81.1	61.3	71.2	74.7	-3.5	1.74	1	0.83	3.45	-0.30
Morgan City	80.8	60.0	70.4	75.2	-5.0	0.10	3	-0.52	2.42	-0.61
Extreme/Average	80.5	60.6	70.6	75.0	-4.4	0.69	3	-0.10	3.25	-0.26
Southeast										
Galliano	80.7	64.1	72.4	75.5	-3.1	0.10	3	-0.89	0.61	-2.37
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.37	NA	-0.40	4.82	1.12
Grand Isle	79.3	65.8	72.6	NA	NA	0.20	1	-0.34	1.28	-1.12
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.45	3	NA	3.76	NA
Extreme/Average	80.0	64.9	72.5	75.5	-3.1	0.28	3	-0.54	2.62	-0.79
State	78.7	58.9	68.8	73.8	-5.7	1.39	4	0.50	3.75	0.08

DFN = Departure from Normal.
 NA = Not Available.